

THE IMPEACHMENT OF PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP



Ken Starr, an attorney for President Donald Trump, bemoaned Monday what he said was an “age of impeachment.”

SENATE TELEVISION

Trump lawyers disregard Bolton

Impeachment defense focuses on Ukraine, Biden

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WASHINGTON — Senators faced mounting pressure Monday to summon John Bolton to testify at President Donald Trump’s impeachment trial even as Trump’s lawyers brushed past extraordinary new allegations from Trump’s former national security adviser and focused instead on corruption in Ukraine and historical arguments for acquittal.

Outside the Senate chamber, Republicans grappled with claims in a forthcoming book from Bolton that undercut a key defense argument — that Trump never tied withholding military aid to Ukraine to his demand that the country help investigate political rival Joe Biden.

The revelation clouded White House hopes for a swift end to the impeachment trial, fueling Democratic demands for witnesses and possibly pushing more moderate Republican lawmakers toward such testimony.

It also distracted from hours of arguments from the Trump legal team, who declared anew that no witness has testified to direct knowledge that Trump’s delivery of aid was contingent on investigations into Democrats, though Bolton appeared poised to say exactly that if called on by the Senate to appear.

“We deal with transcript evidence, we deal with publicly available information,” attorney Jay Sekulow said. “We do not deal with speculation, allegations that are not based on evidentiary standards at all.”

Trump is charged with abusing his

power by asking Ukraine’s leader to help investigate Biden at the same the president was ordering that millions of dollars in aid be withheld — and then obstructing Congress in its probe.

They argued that Trump had legitimate reason to be concerned about Ukraine and, in any event, ultimately released the aid without the country committing to investigations the president wanted.

Democrats say Trump did so only after a whistleblower submitted a complaint about the episode.

The lawyers also defended the actions of Rudy Giuliani, the president’s personal lawyer whose efforts pressing for the Biden investigation helped lead to the firing of the American ambassador to Ukraine.

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Past will direct state’s response to coronavirus

As first Marylander tested, prior outbreaks to be guide

BY MEREDITH COHN

A Maryland resident is being tested for the new coronavirus that has sickened thousands and killed dozens in an outbreak that began in — and remains centered in — China, state health officials announced early Monday night.

It’s the third time in 18 years that a serious coronavirus outbreak has made its way to the United States, with the fifth confirmed case reported Sunday in Arizona.

The new coronavirus has sickened 2,886 so far, mostly in China, and killed 106. Maryland has no confirmed cases, but state health officials said that a resident, whose name and location were not identified, met the criteria for testing and is in good condition awaiting the results.

Public health officials and researchers,



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A sales clerk at a pharmacy in Chicago rings up a purchase of face masks last week as fears of the coronavirus continue.

who never stopped preparing for the threat that a new form of the virus could emerge, are responding to this latest outbreak using the past as their guide.

“We predict these things can occur, though it’s always unexpected when they do,” said Matthew Frieman, a coronavirus researcher and associate professor of microbiology and immunology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. “We hope that the knowledge base from studying SARS and MERS is helpful

in studying and responding to this one.”

SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, originated in Asia in 2003 and sickened 8,000 people and killed about 800. Middle East respiratory syndrome, or MERS, was first reported in Saudi Arabia in 2012. It sickened almost 2,500 and killed more than 850 and continues infecting people.

Officials from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say for

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Former prison staffers testify

Culture of violence detailed at civil trial over 2013 assault

BY JUSTIN FENTON

As Richard Hanna and other corrections officers filed in for their shift at a state-run prison in downtown Baltimore, word quickly spread that one of their own had been badly assaulted by inmates.

Hanna huddled with two sergeants, one clutching a list of inmates at the Maryland Reception, Diagnostic and Classification Center suspected to have been involved. Time to go to work, one of them allegedly said.

The officers moved from cell to cell delivering beat downs, Hanna testified Monday. Inmates were grabbed from their beds and hit with fists and feet. One was doused with a pepper spray “fogger.”

“I’m a Biblical man,” Hanna said. “It was an eye for an eye.”

Hanna’s blunt testimony came in U.S. District Court in Baltimore as part of a civil case against him and five other corrections officers and supervisors stemming from the 2013 attack. The plaintiff, Kevin Younger, was one of the five men beaten in their cells.

Hanna years ago pleaded guilty to his part in the assault, and is now one of several people being sued by Younger.

But on the witness stand Monday, his straightforward testimony strongly bolstered the case of the man suing him, other guards and state corrections officials.

Younger’s case has taken more than six years to wind its way through the criminal courts and state civil courts. But

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ELECTION 2020

Hill seeks to use health care lens

Says medical experience would guide her on issues

BY EMILY OPILO

As a state legislator, Del. Terri Hill has parlayed her medical experience into legislative action.

During last year’s session, the Harvard and Columbia University-trained physician shepherded a bill to expand HIV prevention efforts for minors. And her legislation aimed at reducing youth sports injuries, although ultimately unsuccessful, sparked an ongoing conversation in Annapolis about the dangers of contact sports for children.

Now, Hill, 60, hopes to put that experience to work on Capitol Hill. The Howard County Democrat is among those vying to replace the late Elijah Cummings, who represented Maryland’s 7th Congressional District.

“What I don’t think we’re lacking in Washington is another policy expert,” said Hill, a plastic surgeon who has practiced since 1991. “I don’t think we’re lacking another attorney. But we don’t have enough people who care for people

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